

by the second section of this act, to be made on the requisition of five or more stockholders voting in person, a certificate of which oath or affirmation shall be produced before the person or persons holding said election, before any vote by proxy shall be received.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That no person or persons shall act as director of any bank requiring that the directors thereof shall hold any number of shares therein, unless the said director, before he shall proceed to discharge his duties as director in said bank, shall make oath or affirmation, as the case may be, before some justice of the peace, that he is the sole and bona fide owner of the stock standing in his name on the books of said bank, and that the same has not been transferred to qualify him to serve as director in said bank. Oath of ownership required of directors.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That in all cases when the stock in any money corporation in this state, shall or may have been hypothecated or pledged by the owner or owners thereof, as a security for the payment of any debt or loan, such owner or owners so hypothecating or pledging the same, shall, until forfeiture of the pledge, upon exhibiting to the person or persons holding any election in such incorporated company, a certificate in writing from the pledge or pawnee of such stock, certifying that the same is held in pledge or by hypothecation, be deemed and taken to be the holder or holders, owner or owners, of such stock, within the intent and meaning of this act, and as such shall be entitled to vote thereon, subject to the same conditions as are prescribed in the second and fourth sections of this act; *Provided*, that this act shall not be construed to apply to any proxy given before the passage of this act by any stockholder now out of the United States, or to any stockholder now residing beyond the United States, and having no partner in trade in the United States; *And provided*, that nothing in this act shall be construed to extend to the next election of directors or other officers in any private corporation, where such election shall or may take place prior to the expiration of thirty days from the passage of this act; *And provided further*, that this act shall not be in force unless it be published in at least two daily newspapers printed in the city of Baltimore, for at least fifteen days before the twentieth day of April next. Stock hypothecated.  
Pawnee may vote.  
Restriction.  
Further restriction.  
Publication required to give validity

#### CHAPTER 269.

AN ACT relating to Changing the Venue for the trial of issues of Fact framed in the Court of Chancery, or any County Court as a Court of Equity, or Orphans Court of this State, and sent to a County Court for trial.

WHEREAS, the right of changing the venue as provided Preamble.  
for by law, is confined to any suit or action commenced or